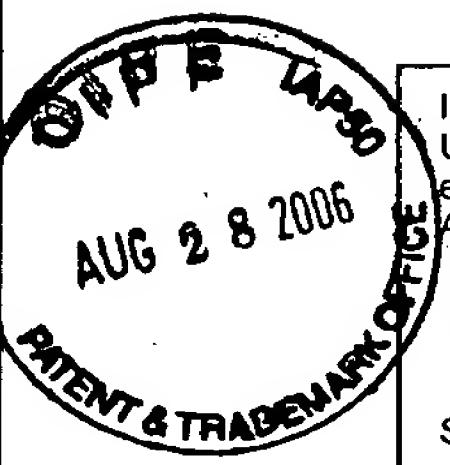


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 23, 2006

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 23, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this Amendment.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this Amendment.